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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Janez Skubic, Patric Lind
and Nils Rydbeck

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR BUYER IDENTIFICATION

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Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to a first Office Action in the above-identified case, kindly add the following new
claims to the application.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add the following new claims:

35. The method according to Claim 1, further including the step of including an
encryption key with the electronic portrait.